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FM AMEMBASSY MANAMA BAHRAIN
TO SECSTATE WASHINGTON DC PRIORITY 4349

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: HIGH LEVEL USG SPEAKER FOR BAHRAIN SEMINAR?

1. BAHRAIN WILL HOST AND CEREMONIALLY OPEN A SEMINAR ON "THE FINANCIAL MIND OF MAN" APRIL 14-18, 1977. SEMINAR IS ONE OF SEVERAL SUCH ORGANIZED AROUND THE WORLD FOR TELEVISION SERIES, "THE MIND OF MAN". SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS WILL BE FROM ALL OVER ARAB WORLD AND ASIA. THE ORGANIZER/ PRODUCER OF THE SEMINAR (AND THE SERIES, AS WE UNDERSTAND IT) IS LLOYD YOUNG, AN AMERICAN FROM CALIFORNIA.
2. YOUR SENT TELEX MARCH 9 TO MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIES SHIRAWI STATING THAT HE, YOUNG, BELIEVES "THAT NEW U.S. ADMINISTRATION MAY BE INTERESTED IN MIDDLE EAST PLATFORM FROM WHICH TO MAKE A MAJOR ECONOMIC STATEMENT". YOUNG SUGGESTS, THEREFORE, THAT EITHER TREASURY SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL OR NEWLY-APPOINTED INTERNATIONAL TRADE COORDINATOR ROBERT STRAUSS BE INVITED TO SPEAK TO SEMINAR ON ANY DATE APRIL 14-18.
3. SHIRAWI ASKED EMBASSY PLEASE TO FIND OUT IF USG INDEED LOOKING FOR A MIDDLE EAST VENUE FOR A MAJOR STATEMENT. IF SO, BAHRAIN WOULD OF COURSE BE PLEASED TO INVITE AND RECEIVE A HIGH-LEVEL USG SPEAKER. WE SAID WE WERE UNAWARE OF ANY SUCH INTEREST BUT WOULD CHECK. SHIRAWI AGREED THAT YOUNG PROBABLY

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ACTING ON HIS OWN.

4. SHIRAWI ASKED FOR REPLY BEFORE MARCH 12, WHEN HE LEAVES COUNTRY FOR A WEEK. PLEASE ADVISE.
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